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Manhattan Project National Historical Park
Oak Ridge, Tennessee



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April Dates in MAPR History

- On April 12, 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage while serving his fourth term in office leaving Vice President Harry S. Truman with the heavy decision of whether or not to use the newly created atomic bomb.
- President Harry S. Truman was briefed on April 25, 1945 by Lieutenant General Leslie Groves and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson on the Manhattan Project.
- The Target Committee began discussing possible target locations in Japan on April 27, 1945. It would still be another three months before the Trinity test would take place.

Saturday April 15 is National Jr. Ranger Day! We will be celebrating with games and storytelling both inside and outside throughout the day at the American Museum of Science and Energy. Children and their families are invited to join in on the fun. Have a sack race with a Ranger, jump rope, read a book with a Ranger, draw a picture of your favorite animal and see if you can identify their tracks. Earn your Jr. Ranger Badge and take the Jr. Ranger Pledge. Children who already have a Jr. Ranger badge are invited to wear their badge and join in on all the fun.



More than 400 participated in the Girl Scout Celebration on March 11.

Our next **Ride With a Ranger Program** is **April 29th** on the North Boundary Greenway. Join us as we bike through former communities that existed prior to the Manhattan Project.



Parks in Focus program on still photography with AMSE museum collections.

Spring has sprung and this month we are highlighting Victory Garden booklets from AMSE's Museum Collection. **About a Third of Vegetables Produced by the US during World War II came from Victory Gardens.** The government emphasized to home front urbanites and suburbanites that the produce from their gardens would help to lower the price of vegetables needed by the US War Department to feed the troops, thus saving money that could be spent elsewhere on the military. By May 1943, there were 18 million victory gardens in the U.S.

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